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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
Highmore Herald		10-1-99
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	**3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY**	**3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**
Weekly	52	$18 PRICE $20 in state out of state

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION *(Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)*

P.O. Box 435, Highmore, SD 57345-0435 Hyde County

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER *(Not printer)*

P.O. Box 435, Highmore, SD 57345-0435

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:

Mary Ann Morford

7. OWNER *(If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.*

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Mary Ann Morford	P.O. Box 435, Highmore, SD 57345

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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION *(See instructions on reverse side)*	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES *(Net Press Run)*	1450	1450
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	130	135
2. Mail Subscription *(Paid and or requested)*	1026	1022
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION *(Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)*	1156	1157
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	50	50
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	0	0
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION *(Sum of C and D)*	1206	1207
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	238	235
2. Return from News Agents	6	8
G. TOTAL *(Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)*	1450	1450

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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

Mary Ann Morford, Owner

State of South Dakota)

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County of Hyde)

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Sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 1999

Mary E Hamlin

Notary Public

My commission expires July 8, 2004

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